

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on February 12, 1999
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)
Rep. John L. Holden (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Sam Rose (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donna Grace, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HB 174, 2/1/1999
HB 177, 2/1/1999 (Cancelled)
HB 178, 2/1/1999 (Cancelled)

Executive Action:

HB 305 - Table

HEARING ON HB 174

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, House District 54, opened the hearing on HB 174. **EXHIBIT**(tah35a01)

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Proponents' Testimony:

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers Association. **EXHIBIT**(tah35a02), **EXHIBIT**(tah35a03), **EXHIBIT**(tah35a04), **EXHIBIT**(tah35a05), and **EXHIBIT**(tah35a06)

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Roger Peterson, PP&L-Montana

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Neil Colwell, Avista Corporation (formerly Washington Water Power) **EXHIBIT**(tah35a07)

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Tom Ebzery, Attorney, testifying on behalf of the owners of the Colstrip Generating Plants. **EXHIBIT**(tah35a08)

Jerry Pederson, Montana Power Company

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Russ Ritter, Montana Resources, Inc., Butte

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Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

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Opponents' Testimony:

Tim Gregori, Manager, Big Horn Electric Coop, testifying for the Montana Electric Coop Association **EXHIBIT**(tah35a09)

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Betty Beverly, Montana Senior Citizens Association

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Hibbard closed.

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NOTE: Because of the changes made to HB 174, the hearings on HB 177 and HB 178 were cancelled.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 305

Motion:

Rep. Harper MOVED DO PASS on HB 305.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.6}

Discussion:

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Vote:

On a roll call vote, the MOTION FAILED, 13 - 7. Story, Orr, Holden, Rose, Jackson, Dale, Somerville, Rehbein, Davies, Fuchs, Hanson, Gillan and Hibbard voting no; Schmidt, Guggenheim, Harrington, Erickson, Beck, Harper and Raney voting yes.

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Substitute Motion:

Rep. Dale MOVED to reverse the vote and TABLE the bill. The motion passed.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.0}

Adjourn. ***{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.0}***

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:15 A.M.

REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG

EXHIBIT (tah35aad)